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(SUBJECT.)

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary Hospet Taluk - Basavanna and Raya Channels and on Kamalapuram Tank - Water - on land previously under irrigation and newly brought

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SUBJECT :— Irrigation – (Bellary) Basavanna Channel Scheme – Maximum rate of water cess

READ AGAIN [illegible] dated [illegible] 19

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p 17 Cr. y., Bd's Ref 4 7360/36 ,, 3 & 4-6-36 19 Q

READ *ALSO* :

No. From the , No. , dated 19.

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Order / Resolution — Ms. / Rout. No. , dated Ref H 589/40 1 & 28-Dec 19.

The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to para 2 of the Board's Endt. quoted above. He is requested to state when the report called for therein may be expected.

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To The Collector of Bellary.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) A.D.Crombie Esq.,C.I.E., I.C.S.,

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To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

Madras.

Ref. *No.*1101/40 A-2, *dated* 5-3- *19*40

Sir

INCLOSURES ..... Irrigation - Hospet taluk - Basavannah channel scheme - maximum rates of water cess.

Ref: Board's No. H. 539/40-1 dated 28-2-1940.

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I shall submit the report called for by 1-4-1940.

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For Collector.

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From (Name) M. Karamatullah Esq., I.C.S.,

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To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras.

D.Dis. *No.* 1101/40, *dated* 28-5- 1940.

Sir,

Enclosures

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Irrigation - major - Bellary district - Hospet taluk - Basavannah channel scheme - Maximum rates of water cess- Levy - Report submitted.

Ref: Board's Ref. No. H.539/40-1 dated 28-2-40.

Board's End+. No. H. 1360/36 dated 4-6-1936.

The construction of the New Basavannah extension channel was completed in F 1345 Watercess at the rate of Rs. 10/- per acre for a single crop other than a duffasal crop, and Rs. 15/- per acre for a duffasal crop was ordered to be levied from F 1346 on the lands irrigated. A distinction was also made in respect of the dry lands "previously irrigated" and "newly brought under irrigation for the purpose of the levy of water cess. In the case of the latter class, water cess was ordered to be levied at ¼ of the maximum rates for the single crop and duffasal crop for the 1st two years, ½ in the 3rd year, ¾ in the 4th year and the maximum rates in the 5th year commencing from F 1346. The maximum rates have therefore to be charged in F 1350 In the case of lands previously under irrigation, the levy of the water cess at the old rates was ordered to be adopted in the current fasli also in G.O. No. 2138 Revenue Department dated 18-8-1939.

2| The lands under the Haya, Basavannah and under its extension channel and Kamalapuram tank are mostly cultivated with paddy and sugarcane and the latter is grown on an extensive scale. The price of paddy has no doubt risen this year, but the rise is only temporary due to the present war conditions. The price of Jaggery however continues to be almost the same as in the years past. The area newly brought under irrigation has not reached the extent expected i.e., 1550.77 A C. The actual area under irrigation is only 1024.44 A C, which shows that the irrigation has not yet been fully developed. Further the soil of the lands newly brought under irrigation is still poor and has not reached the standard of the lands previously under irrigation.

In view of the above facts, the maximum rates of water cess i.e., at Rs. 10/- per acre for a single crop and Rs. 15/- per acre for a duffasal crop, which are due to be levied from fasli 1350, may not be introduced yet; but instead Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a duffasal crop, and Rs. 11-4-0 per acre for a duffasal crop may be charged for the irrigation of both the classes of lands-the lands "previously irrigated" and those "newly brought under cultivation".

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For Collector.

P.S. 30/5.

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SUBJECT:— Assessment. charge for water- (Bellary). Hospet Taluk. Basavanna and Raja channels and the Kamalapuram tank. Watercess on lands previously under irrigation Fasli 1350. Report subm. to the Govt.

p.30 cf (2) READ AGAIN B. P. Mis. 765 dt., dated 4 - 3 - 1937 - Q } to Govt
pp 1-24 (3) " " G.O. No. 2138 Rev: " 18 - 8 - 1939 - Q }

READ ALSO:—

pp 5-6 cf No. H1219/40 From the Collector of Bellary D. Div., No. 1101/40, dated 28-5-1940 — A to govt Q to collr.

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Order / Resolution Retree / Rout. Ms. No. H.539/40-2, dated 30 - 7 - 1940

p 6 cf - para 3

Submitted to the Government.

2/ The Board does not feel quite sure that the collector has adverted to the past history of the case. It is now too late to notify the new rates proposed by the collector as cultivation season should have begun even in June. The collector has not definitely stated whether the new rates should be in force in fasli 1350 only or should continue for a longer period; He has not also reported whether the ryots agree to the levy of the proposed rates and whether the introduction of these rates will lead to the diminution

would continue to take water at the new rate or

of extents under irrigation of both estate revenue

He has been requested to furnish information on these points before December 1940 so that orders of Govt. may be obtained in time for the new rates to be notified before the cultivation chargeable during fasli 1351 commences. At a time when the concessional rates of water cess now in force are continued unaltered under the C.M.P, Kattalai and other sources, it will be difficult to postulate a marked improvement of economic conditions in the Bellary dt. particularly such as would justify the raising of rates from Rs. 4/- to Rs. 7-8-0. However, the present time is not opportune for increasing the rates of watercess. The Board therefore requests that the Govt. will be pleased to sanction the continuance of the old rates of watercess during fasli 1350.

will be affected thereby.

vide para 3 below

However, p. 6 cl - para 3

3/ The attention of the Collector is invited to para 2 above and he is requested to furnish the required informations before December 1940 so that orders of the Govt. may be obtained in time for the new rates to be notified

before the cultivation chargeable during fasli 1351 commences.

(Sd.)

M.G.R.
25.7.40

To the Secretary to Govt., R.D.
(Paras 1 & 2 only).

To the Collector of Bellary.

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Revenue Department.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE
14 AUG 1940
MADRAS

Post Copy of Telephone Message.

SECY.
14 AUG 1940

From

The Under Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

To

The Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Dated Fort St. George, the 13th August 1940.

Assessment - Charge for water - Bellary - Hospet taluk - Basavanna and Raya channel and Kamalapuram tank - Water cess - Continuation of the old rates - Board's Reference H. 539/40-2, dated 30th July 1940.

P.P. 7-9-40

Please ascertain and report whether the water rate on lands newly brought under irrigation was collected at the rate of Rs.5-0-0 in fasli 1348 and Rs.7-8-0 in fasli 1349 as prescribed in rule III of Rules for the levy of water cess approved in G.O.No. ~~1452~~ 2592 Revenue, dated ~~25th July~~ 13-12- 1934.

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(Copy by post)

V. Narasimha

Superintendent.

13 (c: A. H.)

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SUBJECT:— Assessment. charge for water. (Bellary). Hospet Taluk. Basavanna and Roya channels and the Kamalapuram tank. Water-cess. continuation of the old rates.

READ AGAIN ____, dated ____ 19____

" " ____ " ____ 19____

READ *ALSO*:—

P.P. 5-8-40 No. H. 1219/40 From the Collector of Bellary, No. D. Dis. 1101/40 dated 28-5-1940-Q

P.P. 7-8-40 " ____ " Board's Defree. H. No. " 539/40-2 " 30-7-1940-Q

" ____ " ____ " ____ " ____ 19____

Order / Resolution Draft. Defree Ms. No. H. 539/40-3, dated 22 - 8 - 1940

The Collector of Bellary is requested to report very urgently whether water ~~rate~~ cess on lands newly brought under irrigation was collected at the rate of Rs. 5-0-0 in fasli 1348 and Rs. 7-8-0 in fasli 1349 as prescribed in rule III of the Rules for the levy of water cess approved in G.O. No. 2592 Revenue 13.12.'34.

P.P. 4-8-40 (T)

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To the Collector of Bellary.

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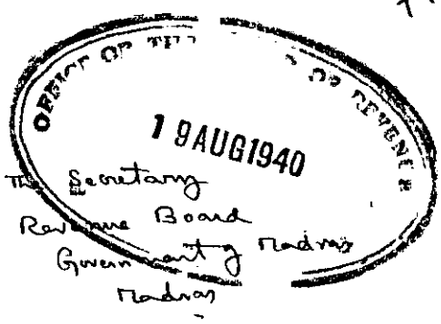

Dear Sir,

The following resolution adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Ryot's Association, held today at 8. a.m. (14-8-40) is forwarded for your consideration and necessary action thereon.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir

Yours obediently

J. Chandrappa.

President,

Kamalapuram Ryots' Association

Hospet Taluk.

D. 14.8.40.

RESOLUTION.

The notification of the District Collector dated 15.7.40. in the Bellary District Gazette regarding the enhancement of rates, dry lands under Basavanna and Koya Channels etc was considered in the light of previous orders affecting the issue. It was noted that previously representations were made by this association protesting against the heavy enhancement of water rates and requesting for a modification of orders. The matter has not been, as far as the Association was aware, finally disposed and the Association finds it surprisingly disappointing that such a modification, as referred to, should have been issued pending negotiations and final decision by the Government. The association requests the Revenue Department to await final orders and not to compel the

poor

poor Ryots to pay under taxes.

Further, the Association representing a large number of wet-cultivators under the Channels affected by these orders, deems it necessary to urge that any scheme enhancing the irrigation rates on lands, not newly brought under cultivation is unreasonable and disastrous to the cultivators. It has been repeatedly pointed out that the major portion of the ayacut is poor soil, undulating and rocky at places. The general condition of agriculture is very discouraging due to a variety of causes, which deserve a through enquiry and close examination. Labour is scarce, transport fecilities few, and health is an eternal anxiety. As a result of these and several other facts the population is stay-put and stagnant if not on the decline. Any enhancement of rates will disturb the equilibrium and serious consequences are bound to follow. The matter of enhancement of water rates in such a locality, notorious for its backwardness and famines, shall not be, it is suggested, treated hurriedly and without mature deliberation and consent of the people concerned. Hence, pending further examination the association feels, and thinks itself justified in its feeling, that the Revenue Department should stick to the old rates of as G.O.Ms.No.6 regarding old dry lands.

It is also considered just by the association that pending final orders the rates for extended areas under the new channel should be collected at Rs 7 -8, which is itself too heavy. The association refers the Government to its previous representations and reiterates its protest against the idea of recouping the capital spent on the construction of the extended channel or that of receiving interest at 6% which has led to all these new schemes and levies.

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It is also necessary to note uner what times the ryots are living today. The war clouds are hanging heavily shutting all rays of a good market and further the drain on agriculture income otherwise is not negligible. These are distressing days and even a straw is enough to break the ryots' neck. In view of all these stated above the Government are requested to stay all orders of enhancement and save the peasants of unhappy experiences and also to take the matter on hand for a final enquiry and settlement.

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) A.D.Crombie Esq.,C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector

Post Box ..... (Station) Bellary

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
-4 SEP 1940
MADRAS

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

Madras.

R O C *No.* 3572/40 A-2, *dated* 31-8-*19*40.

Sir,

Enclosures .....

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Assessment -Charge for water (Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Basavanna, and Koya channels and the Kamalapuram tank - water cess -Report submitted.

Ref: Board's H. 539/40-3 dated 22-8-40.

Water cess on lands newly brought under cultivation was collected at the rate of Rs. 5/- in F 1348 and Rs. 7/8/- in fasli 1349 as prescribed in rule III of the rules for the levy of water

cess approved in G.O. No. 2592 Revenue dated 13-12-1934.

Arthur Khan
29.40

P.S. 2/9.

For Collector.

2.9.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Ryot's Association, Kamalapur, Hospet Tq, held on Wednesday the 28th August '40 at 9 A.M. The president presided. The following members were present.

Messrs:

J. Chanarappa. President.	P. Heranya Rao.
B. Singracharlu.	B. Sama char.
P. Hussainpeera. Saheb	D. Vencoba Rao.
M. Basavana Goud.	T. Pakeerappa.
K. Sreenivasa Rao.	B. Rama Charlu.
B. Sesha Cherlu.	K. Vasudeva Rao.
N. Krishna Rao.	K. V. Narasimha Char.
B. Gunda Char.	P. Ranga Char.

Read the memo of the Revenue Inspector, Kamalapur, dated 24-8-40, calling for the Association's opinion in the matter of fixing the water cess on dry to wet lands under Raya, Basava Channels and Kamalapur Tank, at Rs.7-8-0.

It is resolved that the following in addition to our 17th previous proceedings dated 14-8-40. should be sent to the Revenue Inspector in reply to his memo.

The owners of the Dry to Wet lands under Raya and Basava Channels and Kamalapur Tank own the lands from a very long time paying a revenue of Rs.4 and Rs.6. These have been under cultivation since more than sixty years. Recently more lands became cultivable under the extension of Basava Channel. The said old lands were under cultivation under Basava and Raya Channels, long before the new scheme; even now it is quite independent of the support or suppliment of the new extension. (Vide Subdivisional Officer's P.W.D. No.235 of 6.12.20; Hospet Tahsildar's D.Drs No.3161 dated 3.12.08).

More than half of them are Inam Lands. During the first Settlement some new Ryotwari (Dry to Wet) lands were converted into wet in preference to these old lands. The land-holders requested the Government during the second settlement to convert these lands into permenent wet, and the same was deferred, it was learnt, that with the hope of converting them after the completion of the Basava Channel, some Ryotwari new lands were considered favourably at the same time.

Proceedings of the Ryots' Associations' meetings and many petitions were sent to the Collector, Jamabandi officer, Board of Revenue and to the Government on various occassions. Also personal representations were made to the Honoble Minister for Revenue at Bellary and Kamalapur on 12.8.37 & 12.10.38, respectively.

The association requests the Board of Revenue to confirm the old rates under the old scheme. ie. Rs.4 and Rs 6; and to grant a personal interview to the representative of our association before final orders are passed.

J. Chandrappa.

Secretary,
Ryots Association.

President,
Ryots Association.

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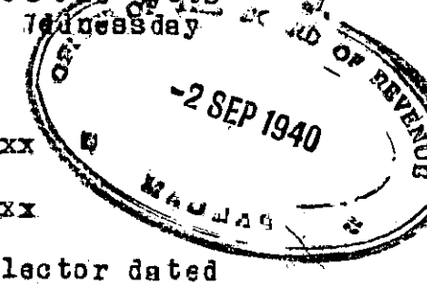
Copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Ryots' Association, Lamalapuram, Hospet Tq. held on Wednesday dated 14-8-40 at 8 a.m..



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J. Chandrasa
President
Ryots' Associati

Copies to:-
1. The District Collector. Bellary.
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Abstract

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Basavanna and Roya Channels and the Kamalapuram tank - Water cess on lands previously under irrigation and newly brought under irrigation - Levy in fasli 1350 - Orders passed.

Revenue Department

G.O.No. Ms. 2432 dated 10th October 1940.

Read the following:-

G.O.No.2592 Rev. dated 13th December 1934.
G.O.No. 2138 Rev. dated 18th August 1939.
From the Board of Revenue, Refce.No.H.539/40-2 d/30.7.1940.

O r d e r:-

According to rule II(a) of the rules issued with G.O.No. 2592 Revenue, dated 13th December 1934, for the levy of water-cess for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet taluk of the Bellary district with water from the Basavanna channel (including the Extension channel), the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram tank, when water from any of these sources is supplied for the regular irrigation of crops on dry lands, water-cess should be levied at the following rates:-

(i) for a first irrigated crop not being a dufasal crop, Rs.10/ per acre;

(ii) for a second or third irrigated crop, not being a dufasal crop, Rs5 per acre; and

(iii) for an irrigated dufasal crop, Rs.15 per acre.

In rule III, it was ordered that for the regular irrigation of crops on lands newly brought under cultivation, one-fourth of the rates specified above should be charged for the first two years of irrigation, one-half for the third year and three-fourths for the fourth year. In Memos. No. 2020F/37-5, dated 8th January 1938, ~~No.2020F/37~~ No.2020F/37-7, dated 6th May 1938, and No.2020F/37-11, dated 7th Jul 1939, and G.O.No.2138 Revenue dated 18th August 1939, the Government ordered that, on lands previously under irrigation from the sources in question, the old rates of water-cess (viz. Rs. 4 for a first cro and Rs.6 for a dufasal crop) should continue to be levied for faslis 1346 to 1349 instead of the rates specified in Rule II(a) referred t

-2 For the reasons given in paragraph 2 of his letter D.Dis.No.1101/40, dated 28th May 1940, the Collector of Bellary has recommended that the rates of Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs.11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop may be charged for fasli 1350 for the irrigation of both classes of lands - viz., the lands previously irrigated and those newly brought under irrigation. In paragraph 2 of its Reference read above, the Board of Revenue has however proposed that the old rates of water-cess, i.e., the rates in force in fasli 1349, should continue to be levied for fasli 1350 on xxxxx area previously under irrigation. The Board has not made any recommendation regarding the water-cess to be levied in respect of areas newly brought under cultivation.

3. The Government see no justification for differentiating between the old and the new areas of irrigation in favour of the former and, in view of the fact that the areas newly irrigated are being charged Rs.7-8-0 for a first crop and Rs.11-4-0 for a dufasal crop per acre with effect from fasli 1349, they see no reason why the areas previously under irrigation should not also be charged at these rates for fasli 1350. Water rates at Rs.10 and Rs.15 per acre should have been levied on the old areas of irrigation from fasli 1346 under the rules notified in December 1934 but the old rates of Rs.4 and Rs.6 per acre were continued up to fasli 1349 as a matter of concession. In these circumstances it cannot be contended that there has been lack of notice of the liability of the lands to the higher rates of water-cess. The Government accordingly direct that Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a first crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs.11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop should be charged for both old and new areas of irrigation for fasli 1350.

4. In respect of lands newly brought under cultivation, the Board of Revenue was, in paragraph 2 of G.O.No.1452 Revenue

dated 25th July 1934, asked to submit a report, six months befor the beginning of the fasli in which the maximum rate of Rs.10 wa due to be introduced for them, whether in view of the trend of prices and the development of irrigation, the maximum rate shoul be introduced. Although the same provision was not made in res pect of old areas of irrigation, it is only logical that the consideration of prices should be taken into account in respect of them also. In view of the Collector's recommendation in his letter dated 28th May 1940 and of the general price levels now prevailing, the Government consider that the rates of water-cess should not be enhanced to the full rate of Rs.10/- per acre at present in the case of either class of land, new or old areas of irrigation. The Board is requested to report whether this enhancement should be imposed for fasli 1351 by 1st April 1941.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

B.G.Holdsworth,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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(True copy)
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/By Order/

Superintendent.

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READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____

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READ *ALSO* :—

H No. 1219 From the Collr. of Bellary DDis No. 1101/40, dated 28.5.1940 — Q

H " 1986 " Collr. of Bellary ROC " 3572/40-A2 " 31.8.1940 — Q

H " 2264 G.O. No. Ms. 2432 Rev. " 10.10.40 " ~~10~~ — A

Order ~~Resolution~~ Ms. No. 2920, dated 22.10.1940 pp 25.27.10.40

Issue & please intimate by 21.10.40

Issued 23/10/40. pp 26-27 C.F.

To

The Collr. of Bellary

by 24/10

Communicated to the Collr. of Bellary.

2) The attention of the Collr. is invited to para 4 of the G.O. cited above and he is requested to submit his report regarding the enhancement of the rate (in fasli 1351) not later than 1st. March 1941.

18.10.40

by 18/10/40

H. 539/40

Part up papers.

B. P. Mis. 2441/30.8.39 (B)

" 765/4.3.37 (Z)

" 3929/16.10.35 (M)

" 534 (comp.)/16.2.32 (C)

~~Empl. H. 847/35 8/16.4.35~~ (N)

B. P. Mis. 3078/6.9.34 (S)

" 1938/13.7.39 (W)

" 364/25.1.35 (T)

Note file

Irrigation - (Bellary) - Basavanna Channel Scheme - Maximum rate of water cess - Reduction ~~reduced~~.

To JS

With reference to para 1 of G.O No 1176 Rs Rev dt 28-5-86 the Collector of Bellary was asked to submit a report in due Course on the question about the levy of maximum rate of water cess for irrigation from the Basavanna Channel etc in the Hobli. The Collector's report has not yet been received. It may be reminded now

Draft submitted

27/2/40

27/2/40

H 579 - from Collr of Bellary Rep 1101 A2 dt 5-3-40

To RS (SM)

This letter of Bellary may be reminded, if necessary, on 10-4-40. This letter at P3 C may be added to the file.

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12/3/40

To J.S.

With reference to para 1 of G.O. No. Mr. 1176 Rev. 8) 28.5.36 the Collr. of Bellary was asked to submit a report in due course on the question about the levy of maximum rates of water cess for irrigation from the Basavannahu channel (including the extension channel), the Hagari channel and the Kamalapuram tank in the Hospet taluk. The Collr. has submitted his report - vide pp. 5-6 ct. For the reasons stated in para 2 the Collr. considers that the maximum rates of water cess viz., Rs. 10/- per acre for a single crop and Rs. 15/- per acre for a dubrasal crop, which are due to be levied from fasli 135 may not be introduced yet; but instead, the rates of Rs. 7-8-0 and Rs. 11-4-0 per acre respectively may be charged in respect of both the 'previously irrigated' and 'newly brought under irrigation' lands. The Collr's report may be submitted to the Govt.

For orders

15.6.40

The Collr's proposal may be recommended to the Govt. for sanction

To J.S.

Refee:- Joint Secretary's orders at p.2 N.F.

2/ The old rates of water-cess were Rs.4/- for a first crop and Rs.6/- for a dusparal crop, according to the standard rates of water cess prescribed in Appendix I A to B.S.O. No. 4(2) - vide also mention of the rates made in the Govt. Memo. at p.129 CA of (cc). In their endst. No. 2606 B/31-1 d/ 20.8.1931 (confl.) the Govt. asked the Board to report the rate of water-cess to be charged to make the work of improvement to the Basavannah channel productive and to submit draft rules of water-cess for irrigation under the scheme. In its Progs. No. Mis. (confl.) 534 dated 16.2.32 the Board reported to the Govt. that the tivrajasti lands should be retained as dry and that water-cess should be charged at Rs. 11/- per acre. It also submd. draft rules for the levy of water-cess for approval & publication in the gazette so as to bring them into force from Fasli 1342. In their Memo. No. 2606-B/31.5 d/25.4.32 confl. the Govt. agrees with the Board that the dry lands ~~fixed the rate of water-cess at Rs.11/-~~ an irrigated by the Raja channel, Kamalapuram tan and the old Basavannah channel should be retained as dry subject to a water-cess of Rs. 11/- per acre. They also enquired the Board about the feasibility of prescribing different

rates for different crops. In its Memo. (cont'd): No. 187/32.4 dt 15.11.1932 the Board submitted revised draft rules for the levy of water-cess providing for rates at Rs. 11/- per acre for a single crop not being a dufasal crop and Rs. 16-8-0 per acre for a dufasal crop. In their Memo. No. 2606-B/31.9 Rev. dt 7-12-1933 the Govt. asked the Board to ascertain and report whether the ryots' consent for the inclusion of their lands in the ayacut of the Basavanna Roya & Kamalapuram Rs Extension channel, subject to the payment of the above rates of water-cess, has been obtained. Subsequently, ~~however, they reduced the rate to Rs. 10/- for a first crop~~ in G.O. No. 1452 Revenue dated 25-7-1934 the Govt. published for criticism draft rules for the levy of water for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet Taluk of the Bellary Dt. with water from the Basava channel (including the Extension channel), the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram Tank. This provides for the following rates of water-cess:

I. On lands previously under irrigation

(i) for a single crop other than a dufasal Rs. 10/- per acre

(ii) " a dufasal crop, Rs. 15/- per acre

etc.,

II. On lands newly brought under irrigation:-

Concessional rates of water-cess at

1/4 of the maximum rates for the single crop & dufasal crop for the first two years

1/2 in the third year

The Govt. also asks the Board to submit a report, six months before the beginning of the fasli in which the Rs. 10/- rate is due to come in, whether in views of the trend of prices and the development of irrigation the maximum rates should be introduced. As no objection or suggestion relating draft rules were received they were confirmed in G.O. No. 2592 Revenue dt 13.12.34. The Collr. of Bellary reported in his letter No. C. 47/33 confl. dt 18.5.35 that most of the ryots who were enquired into and whose statements had been obtained, were not willing to take water paying the water-cess at Rs. 11/- per acre, and that they were willing to do so if only a rate of Rs. 4/- was charged. The Collr. was again asked to point out to the ryots ~~enquire the ryots pointing out to~~ the reductions made in the rate of water-cess viz, Rs. 10/- and also to the concessions granted in G.O. No. 2592 Rev. dt 13.12.34 and to report whether they would agree to have their lands included in the ayacut subject to the rates specified therein. In his letter confl. No. 45/35 dated 15-10-1935 the Collr. reported that the ryots were not prepared to take water at these rates and to have their lands included in the ayacut, and ~~that the rates of water cess~~

that they ~~agreed to pay were Rs. 2-8-0 per~~ wanted that the maximum rate of water-cess ~~should be~~ might be fixed at Rs. 7/- instead of Rs. 10/-, that Rs. 2-8-0 per acre might be charged for the 1st two years and Rs. 5/- during the next two years and Rs. 7/- from the 5th onwards. In G.O. No. 1176 Rev. D 28.5.1936 the Govt. agreed with the ~~Board of Revenue~~ Collr. of Bellary & the Board of Revenue that it was premature to consider ~~at present~~ then whether any reduction was necessary in the maximum rates of water-cess for irrigation from the two channels and the tanks in question and also asked the Board to submit a further report in due course.

The owners of dry lands previously under irrigation in some villages in the Hospet taluk addressed the Board in May 1937 and objected to the levy of the enhanced rates. As the Board found that it was not notified to the ryots that the enhanced rates would be brought into force from Fasli 1346 before cultivation began in June 1936 it recommended to the Govt. (vide Board's Letter No. H. 843/37-7 D 23.11.37) that the new rates might as a matter of grace be introduced from Fasli 1347 (1937-38). In their Memo. No. 2020-F/37-5 Rev. D 8.1.1938 the Govt. directed that the old rates of water cess should be levied for Fasli 1346 (1936-37) on lands previously

under irrigation from the Basavanna ~~to~~ and the Roya channels and the Kamalapuram tank in the Hospet taluk of the Bellary district and that the excess amounts already collected should be adjusted towards the dues of Fasli 1347, or refunded if adjustment was not possible in any individual case. Orders directing such concessions were also passed from time to time - vide Govt.Memo.No.2020-F/37-7 dated 6-5-38 in respect of fasli 1347 Memo.No.2027 F/37-11 dated 7-7-39 for fasli 1348 and G.O.No.Press.2138 Rev. dated 18-8-39 for fasli 1349. The Collr. now recommends that Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a dufasal crop might be charged for the irrigation of both the classes of lands the lands 'previously irrigated' and those 'newly brought under irrigation'. Presumably the recommendati is for one fasli only viz., fasli 1350 (1940-41); the above rates correspond to the 4th year rates mentioned in Rule III of the Water-cess rules at p 4 c.f. of (T)

5.7.40

The Collr. states that the maximum rates of watercess i.e. Rs.10 per acre for a single crop and Rs. per acre for a dufasal crop which are due to be levied from fasli 1350 need not be introduced but that Rs.7-8-0 per acre for single crop and Rs.11-4-0 per acr for dufasal crop may be levied in respect of lands "previously irrigated" and of lands "newly brought unde irrigation' He has not definitely stated whether the rates in question should be in force in fasli 1350 only or should continue for a longer period. It is now too late to notify the new rates, as cultivation here is reported to begin even in June. He has not reported whether the ryots agree to the levy of the proposed rates and whether the introduction of the new rates will affect revenue by diminution of extents under irrigation. He may be asked to furnish information on these points and submit his report before February next so that the new rates may be notified in time before th

he cultivation chargeable during fasli 1351 commences. Meanwhile the Govt. may be requested to sanction the continuance of the old rates of watercess during fasli 1350. The times are not opportune for levying any enhanced rates of watercess. For orders.

Rs. 4/- for a first crop + Rs. 6/- for a second crop.
Evide Q.no. 2138 Rev. D/18.8.39 at pp. 1-2 of Q.E.

15/7/40

The past history of the case shows that there would be protests. I do not feel quite sure that Mr. Karamatullah adverted to this. At a time when the concessional rates of watercess are continued unaltered under the C.M.P., Kattalai and other sources, it may be difficult to ~~prove~~ maintain fasli. a marked improvement of economic conditions in Bellary district particularly. In time of war, it seems desirable not to provoke protests on this matter. For these reasons,

Such as would justify the raising rates for [illegible]

A and B above may, I think, be agreed to.

17.7.40

Approved; but another fasli must not be allowed to pass so as to prevent us from announcing the new rates if it is decided to impose them; February is a long way off & I think that the Collr. ought to be able to produce all the information required much sooner.

18/7

Ms draft

19.7

To J.S.

Corrdcrs at p. 8 N.F.

2/ Draft submitted. With reference to the Member's remarks at p. 8 N.F. the date of submission of the coll's report has been put as December 1940 in para 3 of the draft instead February 1941 mentioned in "A" at p. 7 N.F.

25.7.40

Seen.

J.S

Revised draft Subd.

27.7.40

27/7/40

To J.S

Please see the T.M. from Govt. at p. 11 ante.

2/ The Collector may be asked to furnish the particulars.

Draft submitted.

20.8.40

20/8/40

Seen.

Please see the petition from the President Kamalapuram Ryots' Association submitting a copy of the resolution passed by the Association at a meeting held on 14-8-40 in regard to the levy of enhanced water-cess on lands irigated by the Bavanna and Roja channels and the Kamalapuram Tank (Hospet Tk., Bellary Dt). The ryots feel that the old rates of Rs. 4 and Rs. 6 in respect of lands previously under irrigation should continue and that rates at Rs. 7-8-0 should be levied in respect of lands newly brought under irrigation. In its reference dated 30-7-40 the Board recommended to the Govt. the continuance of the old rates of water-cess during fasli 1350. Thereon, the Govt. asked the Board to ascertain & report whether water-cess was collected at Rs. 5/- in fasli 1348 and Rs. 7-8-0 in fasli 1349 on lands newly brought under irrigation. The Collr. has been addressed in the matter. In these circumstances, no action is necessary on the petition of the President. It may be added to the file.

Lgn. For perusal. Give the grounds for
28.8. retaining the old rate for old lands, if deemed it
to be levied. Not " in these distressing days, even a
Straw is enough to break the ryots' neck'

[Issued as Board's Office. H. No. 539/40-3 d) 22.8.60 to Colly. H. 1986/40. From the Colly. of Bellary, Roc. 3572/40A-2 d) 31.8.60]

To J.S

The collector's report dt. 31.8.60 at pp 19-20 C.P. is for perusal.

2/ The following draft T.M. reply is submitted for approval:-

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary). Hospet Taluk. Basavanna and Raya channels and Kamalapuram tank - water cess - continuation of old rates.

Ref:- your T.M. d) 13.8.60.

It has been ascertained from the collector of Bellary that water cess on lands newly brought under cultivation was collected at the rate of Rs. 5/- in Fasli 1348 and Rs. 7-8-0 in Fasli 1349 as prescribed in rule III of the rules for the levy of water cess approved in G.O. No. 2592 Rev. d) 13-12-1934.

M.S. 5.9.60

6.9.60

Approved

Lee 7.9.60

To J.S.

Please see ~~the~~ supplemental ~~petition~~ of ~~the~~ Ass President, Dofs' Association, Bellary ~~and the~~ ~~petition~~ ~~signed~~ copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Dofs' Association held on 28-8-40. The Association requests the Board of Rev. to confirm the ds rates of Rs. 4/- and 6/- and to grant a personal interview to the representative of the association before final orders are passed. In the circumstances explained in the note at p. 10 n/f. no action on the above ~~petition~~ communication seems called for. It may be added to the file.

11.9.40 The matter is not pending with the Govt. The orders of Govt may be awaited.

[H2264 - G.O. No. Ms. 2432 Rev. dt 10.10.40.]

To J.S.

Please see the G.O. Ms. 2432 Rev. dt 10.10.40. at pages 25-27 c/f. This may be communicated to the Collr. of Bellary. With ref. to para 4, the Collr. may be requested to submit his report not later than 1st Mar. 1941. A call will be noted

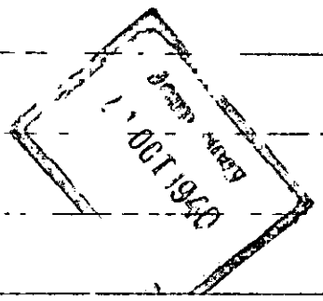
date
on 1.3.1941. This file may be closed.

Draft Submitted.

the Govt have not accepted the BD's

17.10.40 proposal at pp. 7-8 C F. the draft is for approval.

Secy.



~~Full Board.~~

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1. Open file seen by

2. Final draft seen by

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4. Initials. 31/10

Passed for recorded

~~Secretary~~
Joint Secretary

31.10.60

~~A.S. (C.W.)~~

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~~A.S.(Sett)~~

~~A.S.(Excise)~~

~~A.D.S. & L.R.~~

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Note - Entries not required to be scored out.